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Rep. Conley: Statement on Governor Evers' Biennial Budget Address

MADISON - Yesterday, Governor Tony Evers delivered his biennial budget address to the Wisconsin State Legislature. In response, Rep. Conley (D-Janesville) issued the following statement:

“Last night, Governor Evers addressed the challenges our state faces, speaking directly to the people of Wisconsin and introducing a budget that reflects our shared Wisconsin values. This past year has been a challenging, unrelenting one for our workers, families and kids, small business owners, and the people on the frontline of this pandemic. Gov. Evers’ budget proposal will set the stage for a true Badger Bounceback from the COVID-19 pandemic throughout our great state.

“I applaud Gov. Evers for proposing a budget that will invest in Wisconsin’s public education by continuing 2/3 funding, providing over \$700 million to special education programs, and funding the UW tuition freeze. Everyone deserves the right to an education, and to a healthy planet to live on. Gov. Evers’ proposal ensures our next generation will have these opportunities by pledging to make Wisconsin 100% carbon-free by 2050.

“In our local community, small businesses have been struggling to survive the pandemic. I appreciate the \$200 million fund Gov. Evers’ budget creates to assist small businesses with retaining and rehiring employees.

“Gov. Evers also proposed the first increase in over a dozen years to the state shared revenue. It is high time to update our outdated formula that unfairly impacts certain parts of the state. Investments like these will be absolutely critical for Wisconsin’s growth as we move into a new decade.

“I was also pleased to hear Gov. Evers highlight multiple budget provisions aimed at addressing long-standing inequalities that exist in our state. I look forward to advocating for evidence-based justice reform with a focus on equity, including keeping 17-year olds in the youth justice system. These priorities are Wisconsin’s priorities, because they put our people and our communities first.

“Gov. Evers outlined a budget proposal that will lay the groundwork for Wisconsin to move forward together over the coming biennium. I look forward to discussing and debating the budget over the next several months, and I thank Gov. Evers for offering a budget that puts the people of Wisconsin first.”

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